

This is not cricket!

MANAGERS Andy Williams and Keith Molton will feel a special sort of rivalry when their respective teams, Wycombe Wanderers and Chalfont St Peter, meet at the Playing Fields in the second round of the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup tomorrow (Saturday), kick-off 2 p.m.

For, off the field the two men are great friends, having played a lot of cricket together at Watford. Williams, a slow left arm bowler, rated Molton as, "the second best wicket-keeper in Hertfordshire", before he recently retired.

Considering that the current Herts 'keeper is Minor Counties captain Frank Collyer, that is high praise indeed. But there are unlikely to be any such compliments flying about before tomorrow's encounter of a football kind.

This is the fourth time the two teams have met in this competition during the 1970s. After the 9-0 drubbing in the

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first match, Chalfont have lost only 2-0 on the last two occasions, a sign of their recent improvement.

Their most recent meeting of course was in last year's final, where Wycombe, after surviving intense pressure, clinched the game with a second goal just before the end.

Blues' scorers in that match were Jock Mackenzie and Derek Harris, both of whom have found pastures anew. But Chalfont have lost about half of that final team, including four talented players in Alan Brownell, Jim Loftus, Tracey Warren and Ken Woolnough.

Saints' problem this season has been a shortage of goals — only 16 in 14 Athenian League games. They seem set for mid-table position after last year's high finish.

With Les Reed and Dave Allanson injured and Garry Fowles departed, Wycombe are almost down to a bare minimum. They will be hoping

that Mick Holifield makes a quick recovery from influenza.

One Wycombe player looking forward to the game more than most is Terry Scott, who started his senior football career at the Playing Fields.

Another intriguing Isthmian v Athenian League club battle produces the first ever competitive meeting between Slough Town and Burnham at Wexham Park, a tie that Burnham boss Malcolm Higton feels has come six weeks too late for his side.

INJURIES

He explains, "Due to injuries, we've gone off the boil and lost our way a little. Some normally consistent players are struggling, although the second half against Marlow on Saturday showed we are coming back to our best."

Mr Higton is undecided how to approach this match, which for local pride, is the biggest in the club's 100 year history —

indeed this is their centenary season.

"There are two ways we can play it," he says, "mark the danger men, who I regard as Paul Lee and Dave Russell, or secondly play our normal game. I'm undecided yet."

His tactics may well depend on the fitness of Keith White, who has been out of the side for four weeks with a leg injury. As a left sided player he provides the balance to the side, which in recent weeks has conceded too many goals for comfort. They will have to tighten up against Slough.

Flackwell Heath, conquerors of Spittal Sports in the first round, now face a more formidable visit to Buckingham Town and will do well to go through to the last eight.

Holmer Green, who beat Amersham Town 2-0 in the first round of the competition, have injury problems for their clash with Isthmian League Hungerford Town.

Derek Clarke and Matthew Watt sustained knee injuries in the side's 1-0 defeat by Peppard in the Reading Senior Cup on Saturday. Watt is given a good chance being fit, but Clarke is rated by manager Rolly Clarke as "very doubtful". Holmer have named the same squad who shocked Amersham and welcome back Dave Woodbridge, who was missing on Saturday on county duty. He makes all the difference to their striking capabilities.

ATHENIAN LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Grays	15	11	3	2	29	15	23
Billericay	15	9	4	2	36	13	22
Eggware	12	8	3	1	31	9	19
Welling	13	7	5	1	28	14	16
Haringey	15	6	7	2	27	19	15
Uxbridge	14	6	6	2	25	15	14
Burnham	14	6	2	4	32	21	18
Windsor & E	12	7	3	2	23	12	17
Alton	13	6	3	4	25	20	16
Leyton W	11	5	3	3	17	14	13
Chalfont	14	4	4	6	18	26	12
Hoddesdon	15	5	1	9	18	23	11
Marlow	14	4	2	8	20	16	10
Dorking	12	4	2	6	13	15	10
Ruislip M	15	4	4	7	16	31	10
Harefield	14	4	1	9	16	32	9
Fleet	17	2	2	13	15	40	8
Chertsey	12	3	8	12	33	35	5
Reonhill	13	1	2	10	10	36	4